

**Town of Foxborough  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
July 16, 2012**

**Members Present:** Robert Boette (Chair), Allan Curtis (Vice Chair), Eric Nelson (Clerk), Judith Johnson, Douglas Davis, Valerie Marshall and James Marsh  
**Absent:** Jane Sears Pierce, Conservation Manager  
**Staff Present:** Lee Ann Tavares, Secretary

**Meeting Opened**

Chairman Boette opened the meeting, held in the Andrew A. Gala Jr. Meeting Room, at 7:00 PM.

The Chairman sadly announced the passing of David Risch, previous Conservation Manager who worked for the Town for many years. Judi added that he was instrumental in the acquisition of property for land preservation.

**RFD, 31 West Street, Kurt Yeghian**

Information Reviewed: Request for Determination dated June 19, 2012

The Chairman reported that he and Jane inspected the property which is near the Cocasset River. The applicant wishes to demolish the portion of the house that was built in the late 1970s and restore it to its original condition. One section will be two stories but will have the same footprint. Jane's management report recommended a negative determination.

**Motion** was made by Eric Nelson to issue a negative determination, seconded by Judi Johnson.

**Vote: 7-0-0**

**RFD, 0 Leonard Street, Church of Emmanuel**

Information Reviewed: Request for Determination dated June 19, 2012

No representative was present. The Chairman reported that he and Jane inspected the property. There were not any flags in the field and the plans presented were old, from 2001. The Chairman stated that they were not sure where the lot line was. Since there was not a representative present and the Board had questions the Chairman suggested tabling the meeting until later in the evening.

**Motion** was made by Judi Johnson to table the meeting until later in the evening, seconded by Judi Johnson. **Vote: 7-0-0**

**Discussion Re: Eagle Scout Project, Thomas Donnelly**

Thomas Donnelly of Troop 7 in Foxborough was present to discuss his proposed Eagle Scout project. He stated that he had walked the Sallie property and determined locations where seven trail markers could be installed. He is still looking into the construction of an information kiosk to be located at the entrance of the parking lot. He added that he would like to trim back an area at the trail's entrance where poison ivy, along with the overgrowth of other plants, is intruding into the walkway. He plans to present his full proposal to the Commission on July 30<sup>th</sup> and if it is approved he would begin work in September. Judi stated that the Conservation Commission may be able to help if he needs funds for materials. Mr. Donnelly informed the Commission that as part of the proposal he must provide all materials. He will be back before the Commission on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**May 21, 2012 Minutes**

**Motion** was made by Eric Nelson to accept the May 21, 2012 meeting minutes as distributed; seconded by Allan Curtis. **Vote: 7-0-0.**

**46 Beach Street, DEP #157-494, Continued Discussion Re: Request for OoC Amendment**

No representative present. The names of three arborists have been sent to Mr. Buckley and the homeowner. Judi wants to make sure the arborist identifies the critical root zones and signs the plan. She wants the arborist to be responsible.

**Motion** was made by Doug Davis to continue to July 30, 2012 at 7:30 PM; seconded by Jim Marsh. **Vote: 7-0-0**

**52 Neponset Heights Avenue, DEP #157-494, Discussion Re: Restoration Order**

Judi stated that the planting plan was not sufficient. A more comprehensive plan and possibly more plants are needed. She hoped for a plan that could be used as a model for future projects. More shrubs may be needed to dissipate wave action. Also planting around the tree is necessary. Judi will check shrubs – need more diversity. She mentioned using core bio rolls that plants grow out of that could be staked in. Doug wants to make sure all rip rap is removed. The homeowners can remove all the rip rap now and install the erosion control. The Commission would like Jane to make sure all rip rap is removed prior to any continuing work.

**RFD, 0 Leonard Street, Church of Emmanuel**

Continued from earlier in the evening.

**Motion** was made by Doug Davis to issue a Positive Determination, seconded by Allan Curtis. **Vote 7-0-0**

**General Business**

Hersey Farm License – Jim presented a near-final draft. Bob mentioned that Town Counsel will be changing, so Lou Ross may not be able to continue to assist the Commission. Jim still needs to make some changes. Once approved by the Commission it can be sent to the State. He will speak to Lou as to how to proceed. The Commission thanked Jim for his hard work.

Commission Rental Properties - Val stated that she had an inquiry from someone who would like to fix up Fairbanks. They are willing to put some money into it.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Motion** was made by Eric Nelson to close the hearing; seconded by Allan Curtis. **Vote: 7-0-0**

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Nelson, Clerk

Draft minutes submitted by Lee Ann Tavares: 7/18/12  
Read by Jane Sears Pierce with minor revisions: 10/17/12  
Approved by Commission: 10/22/12

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**Documents, Not Referenced Above, Reviewed During Meeting**

Attached Documents:

1. Agenda, July 16, 2012

Location of Other Documents:

2. Manager's Report, filed in Manager's Report binder in Conservation Commission's office.
3. Referenced projects' documents: please see Conservation Commission's project files